



Weekly Information & Communication



August 1, 2016

Conference Call this Thursday, August 4th

This Thursday at 9 am we will be holding our bi-monthly Local Agency Conference Call. We will be reviewing the State Plan updates that go into effect October 1st. The WebEx link and call-in information are on the [agenda](#).

Also as a reminder:

September 1st: We will be kicking off bi-monthly training webinars starting on with the first Thursday of odd months (alternate to regular conference calls). Our first webinar will be September 1st at 9 am. The September webinar will be a training on approving special formula requests. This is very important for CPAs as there will be a change in the policy regarding formula approvals starting October 1st.

October 6th: This Local Agency Conference Call will cover our revised monitoring process. We will be starting a new 2 year cycle of monitoring and have revised our forms, finding areas, and chart review/observation criteria. As this process will also affect self-monitoring, this will also be a very important call to attend.

As always, we will record the webinars and post notes and PowerPoints for those who are unable to make it. However, know that all staff will be held responsible for the information.

World Breastfeeding Week 2017

August 1st begins the week-long celebration of World Breastfeed Week! The ***Breastfeeding Among WIC Participants, 2010 – 2014*** surveillance report is available [here](#), and on the [Montana WIC web page](#). In addition, the “Health in the 406” for this month is about breastfeeding. You can check that out here <http://dphhs.mt.gov/healthinthe406>, as well as, sign-up for future notices by email of the topics. A press release on the “Health in the 406” is [available](#)

Super User Call Minutes

We had our second Super User call on July 25th. The meeting [minutes](#) and [power point](#) are available here and on the WIC website. If you have questions please contact Lacy at the State Office.

July Time Study Deadline August 5th

Aug 5th is **final** deadline for July Time Study! Please complete ASAP if you have not done so already.

Continuing Education

Where has the summer gone? We are approaching the end of WIC's federal fiscal year. This is a reminder that all staff must complete the required CEU requirements. Please refer to the state plan policy 4.6 for any questions regarding the requirements or contact [Lacy Little](#) at the state office.

August Outreach Idea

For the month of August, reach out to domestic violence shelters in your community. A link for ones across the state can be found [here](#). Leave brochures with IEG inserts, posters, and general info of what WIC provides beside just healthy foods.

Food Recall

Faribault Foods, Inc. of Faribault, MN, is initiating a voluntary recall of a limited number of 15 ounce No-Salt-Added Black Beans due to the potential presence of plastic and/or metal pieces within the product. Click [here](#) for more information.

MPHA Conference Scholarship Application

The Montana Public Health Association along with the Department of Public Health and Human Services Public Health Safety Division invites nursing students, MPH students, community health students, board of health members, local and tribal public health professionals to submit an application to become a recipient of a scholarship. This scholarship will provide \$750 to assist in attendance at the 2016 MPHA/MEHA Conference and Annual Meeting to be held at the Crowne Plaza, Billings, MT on September 27 – 28, 2016.

[Click here to submit an application](#)

Weekly Risk Code Highlight

[Risk Code 357](#), Drug Nutrient Interactions is use of prescription or over-the-counter drugs or medications that have been shown to interfere with nutrient intake or utilization, to an extent that nutritional status is compromised.

Maternal Depression Webinar

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) is hosting a webinar on maternal depression: *Depression in Mothers – More Than The Blues* on August 15, 2016 at 2:00 pm ET. All WIC State and local agencies are invited to participate in the webinar – please see the attached [Save the Date announcement](#).

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